

Lemonade Stand Safety

Lemonade stands are legal in the State of Ohio, but must follow certain laws, as laid out in the Ohio Revised Code, Section 3717.42:

(3) A stand operated on the premises of a private home by one or more children under the age of twelve, if the food served is not potentially hazardous.

This means that a lemonade stand is not required to have a license to operate, as long as business is conducted by children and at a private home. If the lemonade is sold at a business or location other than a private home, or if the stand is not operated by children, a temporary food license will need to be issued by the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department, and the operator must adhere to the Ohio Food Code.

Here are some tips and recommendations for running your home lemonade stand in a safe and healthy way:

Water/Ice

- Use city water and ice from your kitchen sink or refrigerator.
- If you have a private water well, use store-bought water and ice, unless your well has been tested within the past year.

Handwashing

- Be sure to wash your hands often and **especially** after using the restroom, eating, or touching pets.

Making lemonade

- Using pre-packaged lemonade powder mix or pre-packaged frozen concentrate may be easier than hand-squeezed lemonade.
- If fresh lemons are being used to prepare lemonade, ensure they are properly washed with water before cutting them, and store in a clean container.
- Wear disposable plastic gloves while handling lemons.
- Make sure utensils, equipment and cutting surfaces are cleaned regularly.

Ice Bin & Scoop

- Use an ice scoop or tongs when getting ice to prevent touching the ice with your bare hands.

Cups

- Use single-use, disposable cups.
- Hold cups at the bottom and do not touch the top of cups where customers will drink from.

Trash Can

- Have a trash can with a lid to avoid litter and keep insects away.

Have Fun! We want to encourage kids to be involved in their neighborhoods and be productive with their time, and lemonade stands can be a great way to do that, if done properly. This information is being shared to help kids and their families host their stands legally, according to the Ohio Revised Code, and with food safety procedures in mind.

